Past Events (Academic Year 2007-2008)

Spring 2008

Thursday, February 7
Tea & Talk: David Cateforis
“Wenda Gu’s Neon Calligraphy Series”
Professor Cateforis (Art History) will discuss his research on contemporary Chinese artist Wenda Gu.
Time: 4 pm
Location: English Room, Kansas Union

Friday, February 8
Lunar New Year Party
Come celebrate the Lunar New Year with activities for everyone, including crafts, performances, and East Asian food tastings.
Time: 5-7pm
Location: ECM, 1204 Oread Avenue

Wednesday, February 13
Time: 4pm
Location: Oread Bookstore, Kansas Union

Saturday, March 1
Film: “State of Mind.” Two young North Korean gymnasts prepare for an unprecedented competition in this documentary that offers a rare look into the closed and secretive communist society and the daily lives of North Korean families. For more than eight months, film crews follow 13-year-old Pak Hyon Sun and 11-year-old Kim Song Yun and their families as the girls train for the Mass Games in Pyongyang, a spectacular nationalist celebration involving thousands of performers. (2004, 94 minutes) Part of the 2008 East Asia Film Festival.
Time: 2pm
Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Thursday, March 6
Tea & Talk: Gregory Hadley, “Old Wars, Present Memories: Revisiting the ‘Field of Spears’”
Professor Hadley (Niigata University of International and Information Studies) discusses his book, "Field of Spears," the true story of a B-29 crew that was shot down over a rural Japanese village on July 20, 1945.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Pine Room, Kansas Union

Friday, March 7
Film: “Game of Their Lives.” BBC documentary producer Daniel Gorden was given unprecedented access to North Korea in order to chronicle the story of the famed 1966 World Cup team from the North that advanced to the quarterfinals. The feature includes interviews with surviving members of the team, English fans, and soccer pundits who saw the North Koreans upset Italy, 1-0, and go up 3-0 against
Portugal before Eusebio eventually rallied the Portuguese. (2002, 80 minutes) Part of the 2008 East Asia Film Festival.
Time: 7pm
Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

**Saturday, March 8**
**Film:** “Waterboys.” Five high school boys decide to learn synchronized swimming, influenced by the new coach of their school’s swimming team, Sakuma. However, because of an unexpected incident, Sakuma must go on vacation, leaving the team without supervision. With the Tadano High’s summer festival coming very soon, every club from the school is preparing a special event of their own. The boys eventually decide to organize a special sync swimming show, with the help of a dolphin trainer. (2001, 90 minutes) Part of the 2008 East Asia Film Festival.
Time: 2pm
Location: Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

**Thursday, March 13**
**Film:** “Balls of Fury.” Former ping pong pro Randy Daytona is down on his luck and down on his game when FBI agent Ernie Rodriguez recruits him for a mission he can't refuse: to smoke out his father's killer, the evil Feng. With the help of a blind ping pong sage and an expert trainer, Daytona travels to Feng’s jungle compound, where he'll face a raft of formidable players en route to the prize. (2007, 91 minutes) Part of the 2008 East Asia Film Festival.
Time: 7pm
Location: Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

**Thursday, March 27**
**Tea & Talk:** Marsha Haufler, “Beyond Sports: Cultural Impact of the Olympics in North & South Korea”
Professor Haufler (Art History) will discuss the cultural impact of the 1988 Olympics in South Korea.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Pine Room, Kansas Union

**Thursday, March 27**
**Grant Goodman Distinguished Lecture in Japanese Studies:** William Kelly, “Japan As a Sporting Nation: Baseball, Judo, Sumo, Soccer!”
Professor Kelly (Anthropology, Yale University) will explore sport and sports fans in Japan.
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Dole Institute of Politics

**Conference**
**April 10-12**
“Olympian Desires: Building Bodies and Nations in East Asia”
This international conference will explore the Olympic games in East Asia and their impact on the politics, cultures, economic conditions, international relations, natural and built environments, and lifestyles of the host countries and the region.
Opening lecture April 10, 7:30 pm, Regnier Hall Auditorium, KU Edwards Campus
Conference April 11-12, Hall Center for the Humanities, KU Lawrence campus

**Thursday, April 17**
Tea & Talk: Yong Bai, "NSF Workshop in China: Research and Education in Bridge Construction." Assistant Professor Bai (Civil, Environmental, & Architectural Engineering) will discuss the NSF workshop he organized in China last September.
Time: 4pm
Location: Pine Room, Kansas Union

Friday, April 18
Claire Conceison (Tufts University, Dept. of Drama & Dance)
“Collaborative Autobiography: Writing the Life of Chinese Theatre Luminary and Statesman Ying Ruocheng.” Sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities and the KU Center for East Asian Studies.
Time: 1:30–3 pm
Location: Hall Center for the Humanities

Fall 2007

Tuesday, September 25
Mid-Autumn Festival Moon Viewing—an ancient East Asian tradition. Please join us to enjoy East Asian music, poetry, moon viewing, and small moon snacks on the evening of the full moon nearest the autumn equinox.
Time: 7 pm
Location: Dole Institute front lawn (lobby, if it rains), KU Lawrence west campus

Thursday, September 27
Tea & Talk: Elizabeth Schultz, “Changing in Beijing.” Prof. Emerita Schultz will discuss her experience as a 2007 Fulbright fellow in Beijing.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Centennial Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Swarthout Hall, KU Lawrence campus

Friday, October 5
East Asian Graduate Student Research Forum: Sooa Im, “Beyond the Outlandish Charm: Manpukuji’s Eighteen-Arhat Sculptures.” Art History graduate student Sooa Im will speak about her current research. Attendees are invited to bring a sack lunch.
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: 3002 Wescoe, KU Lawrence campus

Tuesday, October 16
Pre-performance lecture: “A Brief Overview of the Chinese Writing System.” Learn about the history and traditions of this beautiful script, which inspired Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan’s “Wild Cursive.”
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Seymour Gallery, 2nd Floor, Lied Center, KU Lawrence west campus
Performance: Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan: “Wild Cursive”
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Lied Center, KU Lawrence west campus

Thursday, October 18
**Tea & Talk:** Hong Zhang. An adjunct professor in the Art Department, Hong Zhang will discuss her experience as an invited artist in the Third Chengdu Biennial sponsored by the Chengdu Contemporary Art Museum.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Kansas Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Friday, October 19
Time: 12:30-1:30
Location: Alcove G (Level 3), Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Thursday, October 25
**Tea & Talk:** Maki Kaneko. Dr. Kaneko, a new Assistant Professor in Art History, will discuss her recent research on twentieth-century Japanese art.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Malott Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Friday, October 26
**East Asian Graduate Research Forum:** Mari LaCure (Fine Arts), "Gathered and Waiting: Cross-Cultural Experiences in Japan." Attendees are invited to bring a sack lunch.
Time: 12 noon
Location: 3002 Wescoe, KU Lawrence campus

Thursday, November 8
**Tea & Talk:** Marsha Haufler, “5 Days and 4 Nights in the DPRK.” Professor Haufler (Art History) will share her experiences and photos of her recent trip to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea).
Time: 4 pm
Location: English Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Thursday, November 15
**Tea & Talk:** Kyoim Yun, “Crafting 'Authentic' Shamanic Rituals During the 2002 World Cup.” Dr. Yun is a new Assistant Professor in the East Asian Languages and Cultures Department.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Malott Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

Friday, November 16
Prof. Wang, a Visiting Professor at New York University, is widely regarded as a central figure in China's "New Left" group of writers and academics.

Time: 4 pm
Location: Pine Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus

**Monday, November 19**
**Tea & Talk:** Wang Ning, “Global/Local Orientations in Current Chinese Literary and Cultural Studies ”
Dr. Wang is Professor, English and Comparative Literature, and Director, Center for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Tsinghua University, Beijing.
Time: 3:30 pm
Location: Hall Center for the Humanities Conference Room

Co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies, the KU Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and the KU Hall Center for the Humanities.

**Thursday, November 29**
**Tea & Talk:** Lu Yang. Dr. Lu, a new KU Assistant Professor in History, will discuss his recent research on Song dynasty history.
Time: 4 pm
Location: Malott Room, Kansas Union, KU Lawrence campus